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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

1 1. (Currently Amended) A reconfigurable apparatus comprising one of a household
2 lighting apparatus and a home accessory and including
3 at least one fixed component, and
4 a plurality of interchangeable decorative adornments, ~~each including a magnet~~
5 ~~and said plurality of interchangeable decorative adornments being magnetically coupled~~
6 ~~to a portion of said apparatus simultaneously, wherein each of said interchangeable~~
7 ~~decorative adornments is attachable anywhere on a continuum of non-fixed locations of~~
8 ~~said apparatus to provide multiple configurations to said apparatus.~~

1 2. (Currently Amended) The reconfigurable apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said
2 apparatus comprises one of a candle holder, a lamp, track lighting, ~~a lampshade~~ and a
3 ceiling fan.

1 3. (Currently Amended) The reconfigurable apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said
2 plurality of interchangeable decorative adornments comprise a first set of
3 interchangeable decorative adornments that provide a first appearance to said
4 apparatus when simultaneously coupled to said apparatus and further comprising a
5 second set of interchangeable decorative adornments magnetically engageable with
6 said apparatus to provide a second appearance when simultaneously coupled to said
7 apparatus.

1 4. (Currently Amended) The reconfigurable apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said
2 apparatus comprises a chandelier comprising a hanging branched lighting fixture
3 including a frame and ~~said at least one fixed component includes~~ a plurality of light
4 sources.

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1 5. (Original) The reconfigurable apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said plurality of
2 interchangeable decorative adornments include interchangeable decorative adornments
3 of at least one of different colors and different shapes.

1 6. (Cancelled)

1 7. (Currently Amended) A reconfigurable chandelier decorative lighting unit
2 comprising a ~~plurality of fixed~~ portion components and a plurality of interchangeable
3 decorative adornments, each including a magnet and said plurality of interchangeable
4 decorative adornments being magnetically coupled to ~~[[a]] said fixed portion of said~~
5 ~~decorative lighting unit simultaneously, wherein said fixed portion comprises an~~
6 exposed metal surface capable of receiving any of said interchangeable decorative
7 adornments anywhere thereon.

1 8. (Cancelled)

1 9. (Cancelled)

1 10. (Currently Amended) The reconfigurable ~~decorative lighting unit~~ chandelier as in
2 claim 7, wherein said plurality of interchangeable decorative adornments includes
3 interchangeable decorative adornments of at least one of different colors and different
4 shapes.

1 11. (Cancelled)

1 12. (Currently Amended) The reconfigurable ~~decorative lighting unit~~ chandelier as in
2 claim 7, wherein said plurality of interchangeable decorative adornments include at least
3 one interchangeable decorative adornment formed of crystal.

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13. (Currently Amended) The reconfigurable ~~decorative-lighting-unit~~ chandelier as in claim 7, wherein each of said interchangeable decorative adornments of said plurality of interchangeable decorative adornments ~~[[are]]~~ is attachable to multiple locations to provide multiple configurations to said decorative lighting unit.

14. (Currently Amended) The reconfigurable ~~decorative-lighting-unit~~ chandelier as in claim 7, wherein said plurality of interchangeable decorative adornments provide a first appearance to said ~~decorative-lighting-unit~~ chandelier when simultaneously coupled thereto and are repositionable on said chandelier at different locations ~~decorative lighting-unit~~ to provide a second appearance to said chandelier when simultaneously coupled thereto ~~decorative-lighting-unit~~.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ method for changing the appearance of a chandelier as in claim 29, wherein

~~_____ said comprising: providing a chandelier with~~ includes a plurality of removable adornments, each including a magnet;

~~and said plurality of removable adornments~~ are magnetically coupled to said chandelier simultaneously; ~~and~~

said changing comprises removing at least one of said plurality of removable adornments by disengaging said magnet~~[[;]]~~ and replacing each of said at least one of said plurality of removable adornments with a corresponding further magnetic adornment such that a plurality of said further magnetic adornments is simultaneously coupled to said chandelier; and

~~magnetically coupling said at least one further magnetic adornment to said chandelier.~~

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1 17. (Currently Amended) The method as in claim 16, wherein said coupling
2 comprises positioning said at least one of said further magnetic adornments at a
3 location not previously occupied by one of said removable adornments adornment.

1 18. (Currently Amended) A set of interchangeable decorative adornments for
2 simultaneous attachment to reconfigurable decorative lighting units, each said
3 interchangeable decorative adornment comprising at least one decorative portion and a
4 magnet and said set being magnetically attachable to any ~~a plurality of~~ corresponding
5 metal portions portion of one of said reconfigurable decorative lighting units, at the
6 same time.

1 19. (Previously Presented) The set of interchangeable decorative adornments as in
2 claim 18, wherein said decorative lighting unit comprises a chandelier.

1 20. (Currently Amended) The set of interchangeable decorative adornments as in
2 claim 18, ~~wherein said magnet comprises a rare earth magnet~~ 19, wherein said metal
3 portion includes a continuum of metal surfaces capable of receiving any of said
4 interchangeable decorative adornments anywhere thereon.

1 21. (Previously Presented) The set of interchangeable decorative adornments as in
2 claim 18, wherein at least one said interchangeable decorative adornment includes a
3 crystal portion.

1 22. (Previously Presented) The set of interchangeable decorative adornments as in
2 claim 18, wherein at least one said interchangeable decorative adornment includes a
3 plurality of decorative portions having at least one of a different shape and a different
4 color.

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1 23. (Previously Presented) The set of interchangeable decorative adornments as in
2 claim 18, wherein said magnet is coupled to said at least one decorative portion by one
3 of string, wire, metal links and a metal chain.

1 24. (Cancelled)

1 25. (New) The reconfigurable apparatus as in claim 1, wherein each of said plurality
2 of interchangeable decorative adornments hangs from a single connection point.

1 26. (New) The reconfigurable apparatus as in claim 25, wherein each said
2 interchangeable decorative adornment hangs from a single magnet.

1 27. (New) The reconfigurable apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said at least one
2 fixed component comprises a frame and said continuum of non-fixed locations comprise
3 exposed metallic surfaces capable of receiving any of said interchangeable decorative
4 adornments anywhere thereon.

1 28. (New) A reconfigurable chandelier comprising a hanging branched lighting fixture
2 including a frame with a continuous metal surface, at least one light and a plurality of
3 interchangeable decorative adornments, each including a magnet,
4 said plurality of interchangeable decorative adornments being magnetically
5 coupled to said chandelier simultaneously, each of said plurality of interchangeable
6 decorative adornments being attachable anywhere on said continuous metal surface.

1 29. (New) A method for changing the appearance of a chandelier comprising:
2 providing a chandelier comprising a hanging branched lighting fixture with a
3 plurality of lights and a frame; and
4 changing components and the appearance of said chandelier by only
5 disengaging at least one magnet and attaching at least one further magnet.